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This is a decision on the petition filed January 20, 2006, titled "Petition (37 CFR 1.183) and Request for Certificate of Correction of Applicant's Mistake (37 CFR 3.23) and Patent Office Mistake (37 CFR 1.322)" which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the assignee data on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **dismissed**.

The instant petition must be dismissed because it addresses two elements—one of which the Office of Petitions is not authorized to entertain. The petition seeks not only to correct assignee data on the patent, but also to correct inventorship by adding an inventor to the patent. In order to add an inventor after a patent issues, a petition under 37 CFR 1.324 must be filed; these petitions are treated in the Technology Center where the application was examined. While the Office of Petitions can treat the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) relative to the assignee data, the request must be dismissed because the certificate of correction that accompanied the request contains more than the assignee data. The certificate of correction is improper relative to the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) because it contains corrections to the inventorship for which the undersigned can make no decision. The petition must be dismissed accordingly.

Petitioner may file a renewed request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) with a certificate of correction containing only the assignee data. Questions regarding corrections to the inventorship of the application should be directed to Technology Center 3600.

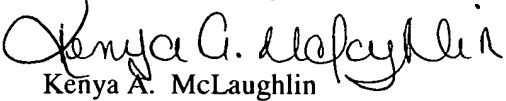
The renewed request may directed to the following:

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¹ See *Official Gazette* of June 22, 2004.

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Questions regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3222.


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